HERMIS AND BELDAME FAVOR-ITES FOR THE SUBURBAN.

First Future Book Prices on the Big Han-Cleap Are Out-Racing in Missourt American League Will Meet Next Thursday, With a Bosy Week in Store.

The first set of quotations in one of the ooks made in the West on the Suburban Handicap, which have just been circulated, places Hermis and Ecktaine on equal terms as favorites at 15 to 1. At the weights and taking into consideration last year's turfmen have all along placed them on a par, so that the announcement of these odds does not come in the nature of a very great following that each racer has at present, that Stalwart, Broomstick, Bryn Mawr, Bad News, Oiseau, Sysonby, Artful, Tanya and Sandria in the same class. Then, looking over the list further, The Picket, Lord of the Vale, First Mason, English Lad, Dainty, Dolly

offer in the cases of Africander, Goldsynith, Major Daingerfield, Alan-a-Dale, Dal-Moharib, Wild Mint and Bedouin. In the 40 to 1 division are Runnels, Knight

Efrant, Joseph and The Cricket, while at our And to rembraces Israelite. Conjurer, Leonidas.
Witfulf and Waterlight. The 100 to 1 shots are Adbell, Ostrich, Chieftain and Siglight.

Gov. Folk of Missouri has sent a special dealing chiefly with the proposed repeal of to do business at the racetracks. Gov. Folk he Breeders law forbids, under penalties.

be permitted at all. Stripped of its useless verhiage, this act levies tribute upon gambling, upon the results of horse racing. In this respect it is indefensible from any moral standards, it is the results of horse racing. this respect it is indefensible from any moral standpoint. If it be argued that men will profit by their lust for the game, it could be in certain forms and in certain places so as to is not the demand of frenzied morality, but | Asso of a sound and healthy public sentiment. It must be kept in mind, however, that the real of the Breeders law in its entirety uld allow poolrooms to run unrestrained. as previous to this law no statute prohibiting them. I recommend that the law amended by striking out the license ment of a law prohibiting pool selling any or without the State

Indications at Jefferson City point to a repeal of the Breeders law, which means that the sport at the St. Louis and Kansas City tracks will be hard hit

rumors are flying around to the effect that in order to avoid complications the State Racing Commission will grant a license to the Empire City Trotting Club, but that the the Empire City Trotting Club, but that the Jockey Club will assign no dates to the Yonkers track. If such proves to be the case, turfmen say that the Empire City people will probably conduct a race meeting in August, in conflict with the Saratoga meeting, but that it will be a rather difficult matter to induce owners, trainers, lookeys and book-makers to take part in such an affair. While the Jockey Club would refrain from officially had been duly licensed, turfmen would probably decline to incur the cumity of the ruling turf powers by trying to win Empire City ses. If the rumors prove true, the infers writing to allow Empire City to do the Sest

Once more has President Johnson changed the date of the American League schedule

Inversity candidates at Cambridge next Tuesday they will find a wealth of good material. Of last year's team only Third Baseman Carr and Lettfielder Fishel will be thable to play again. Capt. C. W. Randalf, first base, if D. Kernan, second base, W. C. Matthews, shortstop: A. E. McCarty, centre field and M. V. Greenough, right field, will don the spangles again, together with Pitcher P. N. Coburn and Catcher B. K. Stephenson, the star battery. Among the promising candidates who were "subs" last year or played on the freshman nine are, Pitchers J. A. Tueberman, A. L. Castle and Q. F. Green, Third Basemen C. C. Bolton and W. D. Dexter, Outfielders J. D. Nichols, J. H. Glies, D. A. Newhall and F. T. Colby. Head Coach Nichols says a concerted effort will be made to develop good battery material and to tarn out a team of heavy batsmen. Coburn is already pronounced the best college pitcher in the East.

Secretary Nahon of the New York Americans is spending a short vacation at the home of Jack Chesbro in Conway, Mass. Word reached here yesterday that Nahon has been nabled by the town constable for shooting at jackrabbits belonging to that official, but he was allowed to ko, as he proved conclusively that no gun was loaded with blanks. Ned Hanlon, manager of the Brooklyns, has asked the other National League clubs to waive claim to thirty of the afty-four players who were on the Brooklyn club's roll a mouth axo. When it comes to "covering up" players for minor league clubs, Hanlon is in a class by himself.

The annual meeting of the New York National League (12b will be held in Jersey ity on Feb. 17. John T. Brush will probably be reelected president, and a new board of lirectors will be chosen. Those in touch with the affairs of the club are anxious to learn whether secretary and Treasurer Fred inowles will be replaced by Charles Murphy, he recent importation from Cincinnati.

Benjamin Van Slyke, 87 years old, who for years was a well known boxing instructor in this city, is dend. For many years he had his gymnasium in Daly's Theatre building, and his pupils included bankers, brokers, actors and professional men. He numbered among his friends John C. Heenan, Tom Hyer, John L. Sullivan, and Jake Kilrain. Van Slyke learned to use his hands fitteen years before the Mexican war and in his cureer as instructor taught the art of pelf-defence to more than 5,000 pupils.

He was in good health up to within a few weeks of his death.

The bockey seven of Irving School last hight won the interscholastic championship of the hockey league newly organized among the schoolboy teams this season. They defeated the team representing Groff School the schoolboy teams this season. They defeated the season this season. They defeated the season as the season the season the season the season as the season the same was adjourned at said in a position of exception the mat and rolled off on the hard floor. It was a differnoon and evening Marshall made a bri



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JOCKEY CLUB HOLDS A MEETING. Merris Park's Application for Dates Still

Under Consideration. Contrary to expectations, the racing dates further indication of the tie-up that exists New York Jockey Club, which has leased Morris Park, for an allotment. The stewards ing of the Jockey Club at the Windsor Arcade, at which the following members were present: Belmont, J. H. Bradford, P. J. Dwyer, J. B. Haggin, F. R. Hitchcock, S. S. Howland, H. K. Knapp, Andrew Miller, A. H. Morris, agreed that it worked well. F. K. Sturgis, L. S. Thompson and H. P.

outforpublication. Two rules were amended, one of them relating to forfeits, which is of no great importance. The other, concerning "recognized meetings," at first glance would seem to mean that the New York Jockey Club had been practically notified that there was no chance for racing at Morris Park. as to Jockey Club affairs, such is not the case. The old rule governing "recognized meetings" stipulated that such affairs were those conducted by the Coney Island Jockey Club, the Brooklyn Jockey Club, the Westchester as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough
If pool selling is an evil thing it should not Racing Association, the New York Jockey

Bumping Matches on Muddy Track-Laura

Hunter Disqualified. NEW OBLEANS, Feb. 9 .- To-day's track at the Fair Grounds was the worst of the year. There was a bottom to it somewhere, but before a horse's hoof reached it it had to but before a horse's hoof reached it it had to sink through a mass of thick, oncy mud that, once it got hold, relinquished its grip very slowly. Naturally, horses tired and floundered, with the result of more or less humping. The most serious case of this sort, according to the judicial view, came up in the last race, when Jaura Hunter swerved from the middle of the track to the inner rail, Just as Glaremont was making his run on the in-

mont by the Eastern crowd, headed by Dave schedule Gideon. Laura Hunter got to the inside in meeting. It is now planned to hold the session on rep. 16, next Thursday, at the Hotel Bresno, instead of on Thesday. Next week, doubt Claremont's progress was impeded, lay, controlled the cause Claremont to pull up. There time to cause Claremont to pull up. There was no actual contact, though there is no doubt Claremont's progress was impeded, lay, controlled the cause Claremont to pull up. There time to cause Claremont to pull up. There doubt Claremont's progress was impeded, lay, controlled the cause Claremont to pull up. There time to cause Claremont to pull up. There doubt claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact, though there is no doubt claremont to pull up. There have no cause Claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact, though there is no doubt claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact, though there is no doubt claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact, though the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact, though the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact, though the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact, though the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact, though the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact, though the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact the cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact the cause claremont to cause claremont to pull up. There have no actual contact the cause claremont to cause claremont to

Bream, instead of on Tuesday. Next week, by the way, will be a busy one among baseban on the big leagues. On Tuesday the National Leagues of Great Market and State of the National League will be a much league will began its anneal seasue following on the next day. One wednesday the National League will began its anneal seasue following on the next day. There will as being work on the next day and there will be in leist to died. The National Raseball (ammission on one of these days, so that the will be plenty of food for local ball has to digest.

When Chesbro and Keeler of the New York Americans begin work coaching the Harvat Christian of Like and Floral Wreath was played a bill, but went up considerate, with the Missistence was begin work coaching the Harvat Christian of Like and Christian Christian of Like and Christian Christian of Like and Christian Christian

well after Queen Rose had run herself dizzy
in Iront.

First Race—One mile—Garrett Wilson, 112 (J.
Martin), 6 to 1, won Vellow Hammer, 129 (Hennessy), 20 to 1, second: Decoration, 131 (Shaver, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1.51 & John Doyle, Hanistreet, The Hebrew, Judge Sauffley, Bishop Weed, Lookout, Rondolet and Nightmare also rau.

Second Race—Six Turlongs—Hulson, 109 (Aubuehon, 25 to 1, won. Dapple Gold, 109 (H. Phillips), 9 to 5, second: Glendon, 112 (Livingston), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1.21 & 5. Over Again, Whorler, Flying Charcoal, Antitrust and Esperance also ran.

Third Race—Six Turlongs—Miss Gomez, 105 (Aubuehon), 13 to 5, won. Floral Wreath, 107 (Baird), 8 to 5, second: Filla, 85 (Ryan), 15 to 1, third. Time, 120 i 5, Jungle Imp also ran.

Fourth Race—One mile and a sisteenth—Bellindian, 56 (McIntyre), 8 to 5, second: Filla, 85 (Ryan), 15 to 1, third. Time, 120 i 5, Jungle Imp also ran.

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New Orleans Entries for To-day.

	First Race For ma	ide	ns: one mile:
	Shock the Talent.	12	Grand Champion
	Charlie Cella.	09	Roderick Dhu.
	Isabelia D.	07	Herschman
	Bisque	107	Diagram
	Court Crier	05	Bannock Belle
	Sanction.	05	Halcyon Days
Second Race Selling; one mile;			
			Southampton
			Reveille.
	Baywood	11/42	Hadrani
	Jerry Runt	0.00	Redman. Lady Free Knight
	Pompano	() es	Lady Free Linght
			Decoration
	Third Race-Selling: four furlongs:		
	Chief Archibald	12	Palver
	Gray Dal	12	Little Rose
	Filatory	10	Tennebone
	Blue Grass Lad	109	Hasnohand
	My Lady Peggs 1	07	
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Fifth Bace-Six furlongs:			
	Lady Ray1	15	Mary Worth
	Floral Wreath	15	Belle Barnard
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Sixth Bace-Selling; one mile and 70 yards;			
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ceived in Australia.

ANNUAL MEET OF GOLFERS.

REPORT SHOWS BIG CASH BAL-ANCE AND GAME PROGRESSING.

Recommendation That Amateur Championships Be Held Hereafter in June or July-Also That All League Clubs PURE NATURAL WHISKEYS: Join-Changes Made in Playing Rules.

Delegates from all parts of the country will attend the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association, to be held to-night at Delmonico's at 8 o'clock. Aside from the election of officers and the arrangements or the year's championship, the special business will be to consider the amendments to the constitution recommended by a special committee, under which the annual dues of the associate clubs shall be reduced from \$100 to \$50 and the title of such clubs be changed to active members.

In the report of the executive committee

to be read at the meeting by Secretary Morannounced yesterday, the delay being a gan, the following comments will be made based on the championships of the year; There were 142 entries in the amateur cham plonship, against 140 in 1903, 157 in 1902 and 142 in 1901. The conditions adopted by the executive committee called for a qualifying round of fiftyfour holes, thirty-two to quality, but at the end of the first day's play of eighteen holes only the makers of the sixty-four best scores to continue. While there was criticism on the part of some players that this called for too much medal play, still most of the players whose opinion was asked

F. K. Sturgis, L. S. Thompson and H. P. There were eighty-six entries in the women's championship, as against sixty-four in 1903 and ninety-six in 1902. An additional interest to this event was the presence of Miss Charlotte Dod of the Moreton Golf Club, England, champion of Great Britain, who had been invited by the execu-tive committee to compete. The committee wish to record here their appreciation of the true sport-ing spirit shown by Miss Dod in coming over here to compete and the hope that her visit will lead me of our women players to visit Great Britain

> The following recommendations will form part of the report:

carefully consider, namely, the choice of courses and times for holding the different championships. This year, for instance, the association decided to hold the amateur during the first week in September, and the choice of the course was left to the executive committee. As the championship had been held on Long Island in 1903 and out West September is not a good time for an inland course. onship be held during the months of sune the steady growth of the game the country with the seeany growth of the game the country over and the vast territory if now covers we naturally look to the various district associations to aid us in protecting its best inferests and traditions. A rule adopted by the majority of these district associations whereby their members must also belong to the U.S. G. A., is one which all the others might copy, as by so linking themselves with the central governing body the individual strength of each association would be increased and the game thereby benefitted.

Rice it (6) If a ball lie or be lost in water or in casual water in a hazard, a ball may be dropped in or as far behind the hazard as the player may please, under penalty of one stroke; but if it be may not the magnificent cup, and if he should win any other cause, to drop the ball behind the hazard as near as possible to where the ball lay, but not nearer to the hole, under penalty of one stroke.

Racquet Club.

Unfortunately, William P. Blagden of New York, winner of last year's title, will not be sabroad. George I. Scott has two legs on the magnificent cup, and if he should win another this year the cup will become his property. Entries will close Saturday at 2:30 p. M., and there are many more expected.

tournament at the Chicago Athletic Asso-

ciation to-night.

The winner, who played the best billiards he has shown in the tournament, averaged 10 10-29, and had high runs of 57, 48 and 30. Gardner, who was in poor stroke and also in ill luck, played far below his usual form, averaging only 6 21-29 and having 46, 30 and

The biggest crowd of the tournament saw the game, the result of which places Sigourney and Conklin in a tie for the championship and the coveted Eagle cup and the magni-Up to the end of the twenty-first inning,

The day's stores.

Norris-300. Average: 8 12 36; high run, 37,
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Sigourney-300. Average, 10 10 29; high run,
57. Gardner-195. Average, 6 21 29; high run, 46.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

Marshall Wins the Seventh Game From

Janowski in Brilliant Style. special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Paris, Feb. 9.—The seventh game of the chess match between Frank J. Marshall, of Brooklyn and D. Janowski of this city in three falls. The first bout lasted 23 minwas played at the Circle de Philidor this afternoon and evening. Marshall opened

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DRAW FOR RACOUET TOURNEY. Play for the Championship on Monday in

the New York Court. Names of twenty-two entrants and the draw for the racquet championship were given out yesterday by the New York Racquet in 1962, it was the turn for either New England or the South to hold this tournament, but as lial-tusrol was the only applicant its offer was accepted. Chicago will be represented by a quartet for the first time-Messrs. Feron, McCormick, Gifford and Thorne. On the list is the chamnion. Mr. Brooke: the former champions Shaw and Whitney, and Joshua Crane, Jr the court tennis champion. Play will begin on Monday with six matches in the prelimi nary round, the players drawing byes and the winners of Monday making up the first round on Tuesday. The final will be on Saturday. The draw is:

Preliminary Round, Feb. 13.—10 A. M., M. Bartlett, Boston, vs. Howard A. Colby, New York, 11 A. M., Payne Whitney, New York, vs. T. T. Hare, Philadelphia: 12 M., W. J. Peron, Chicago, vs. R. R. Cassatt, Philadelphia: 1 P. M., H. F. McCor-

central governing body the Individual strength of each association would be increased and the game thereby benefited.

The present membership is put at 288, and are up of thirty-one associate and 257 allied clubs. During the year two clubs, the Oakmont of Pittsburg and the Euclid of Cleven land, have been elected to associate and fifteen to allied membership.

Treasurer Heebner's statement is included in the report, and reveals that the balance on hand Dec. 31 was \$10,484.35 an increase of over \$1,200 for the year. The balance on Jan. 1, 1504. was \$9.211.80 and the receipts for the year were \$7.614.11. The annual dues from the 28x clubs brought in \$5,760; entry fees for the three championships, amateur, wormal and open, \$1,495 and sundries \$359.94. The total available for 1904 was \$16,845.91. The expenditures were:

Stationery and printing, \$555.83; expenses of secretary, \$199.03; prizes and needsls, \$1,137.45; total expenses.

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The report makes knows the rulings and interpretations made on the changes in the report makes knows the rulings and an interpretations made on the changes in the committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf. States Golf. Association appointed at package of interpretations and profit in this instance, under the authority contains a package of the by-laws, the execution of the

the shall face the hole, stand erect and drop to ball behind him from his head.

If the ball, when dropped, touch the player, he shall face the hole.

The penalty for a breach of this rule shall be the loss of the hole.

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The Chicagos showed last year that they are needed was "The Chicagos showed last year that they were an Ai team. What they needed was more hitting strength in the outfield, and this they will have this year. As to the four second division teams. Philadelphia undoubtedly looks stronger than in 1904. Duffy had them going good at the close of the season, and they will have an entirely new infield this year. Hanlon thinks his team will surely be better with all the new men he has to pick from, and Boston has been strengthened by means of deals St. Louis was pretty good last year. It was in need of a catcher of experience to get the best work out of the voung pitchers, and now has such a catcher in Warner.

The New Yorks practically finish in the West this year; that is, they will have a Western trip to make after the Western teams have been East. Still, a good team can play as well on the road as at home, and sometimes better. A team that is sensitive to criticisms does better on the road, because criticism is nearly all for home players. The work of visitors is n't watched with the same interest."

AUTO MATCH FOR BIG STAKES. Barney Oldfield Will Race Against Bernin in W. Gould Brokaw's Car.

Chickon, Feb. 9.- Barney Oldfield, who is in Chicago, announced to-day that he had closed a match with W. Gould Brokaw of and with his score 246, it appeared almost a certainty in view of his steady work that Sigourney would beat the high average of 12-27 held jointly by Conklin and Gardner.

At this stage of the game the Californian had an average of nearly 12, but collected only 24 points in the next six innings, which materially affected his average. He going, however, at the twenty-eighth inning, and clicked off 20 and finally ran out with 10. The day's scores:

closed a match with W. Gould Brokaw of York for a series of automobile races for \$1,000 as ide. The contests will take place in May a side. The contests will be run over an eastern track, with indfield having the choice of tracks at Buffalo, Cleveland or Detroit for the return engagements. The big rank will race five mile heats, best two in three, from a rolling start, from opposite sides of the track.

While Brokaw of choice of tracks at Buffalo, Cleveland or De-troit for the return engagements. The big cars will race five mile heats, best two in three, from a rolling start, from opposite sides of the track. While Brokaw is the challenger, he will not drive his own car. He prefers road contests himself, and when it comes to track events he puts Bernin, his professional, at they wheel, Bernin is the one man that Oldfield declared to be his most formidable rival.

Wrestler "Americus" Forces Atherton to

Quit. Edward J. Atherton of Buffalo was forced

to quit in his catch-as-catch-can bout with Gus Schoenlein, known as "Americus," at Baltimore on last Wednesday night. The utes and went to "Americus," who succeeded

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TO PLAY THE NEW YORKS. Spring Exhibition Games Arranged-Something New in Cushiens.

The New York Nationals so far have ar ranged four exhibition games to be played on the return from the Southern training Polo Grounds; on the 10th, Jersey City at the Polo Grounds; on the 11th, Newark at the Polo Grounds, and on Sunday, the 16th, Newark in Newark. April 12 and 13 will probably find Fordham and Manhattan at the Polo Grounds as opponents of the cham-pions. Secretary Knowles explains that the exhibition dates arranged are provisional, that they are subject to cancellation if the Boston Americans will consent to a spring series with the New Yorks.

Knowles has received from a St. Louis philanthropist a sample of a patent pneumatic seat cushion for grand stands. It looks like an enlarged doughnut, being ring shaped and made of inflated rubber balls and covered with canvas. As an object to hurl at an umpire it is believed the new cushion will be less ruffling to the feelings than the ordinary cushion. As yet nobody has devised anything that will have an ameliorating effect on hard words hurled at an umpire. The New York club may give the new cushion a trial. Boston Americans will consent to a spring

Young Corbett Training Hard to Meet

Battling Nelson. Young Corbett, in a letter to a friend in this city, writes that he was never in better trim than he is at present and is more confident than ever of whipping Battling Nelson wher the pair meet at San Francisco on Feb. 28. Corbett says that he has trained harder for engaged in during his career as a pugilist.

going to take any chances," writes Corbett I don't beat him this time I am going to quit the business for good. I weigh just now only 135 pounds. As we are to meet at 130 pounds. I have nearly three weeks in which to take off these extra pounds.

to take off these extra pounds. You can gamble that I will be right on edge by the time the contest takes place."

Nelson is working just as hard, and there seems to be nothing amiss with his condition. He is nearly down to weight already, but is laboring to keep above the notch, so that when the time comes to take off weight he will have something to work on. Nelson is very confident of whipping Corbett again and will bet \$1,000 of his own money on his chances if the odds are in any way favorable.

Spike Sullivan Willing to Fight in Private. Spike Sullivan, who signed articles to meet Jack Lee of this city in a limited round bout before the club offering the largest purse, may be compelled to have the mill decided in private. Lee's manager says that if Sullivan does not consent to this arrange-ment the encounter will have to be called off. Sullivan declares that he is satisfied, but wants Lee to wait until two weeks have elapsed. If at the end of that time no club comes forward and offers a purse he will agree to a secret mill for \$500 a side, with the understanding that there must be only the understanding that there must be only five men on each side to witness the bout. If the contest takes place, it will mark Sullivan's first appearance in the ring in some time. Sullivan has not lost his cleverness and hitting powers by any means, and if he is as good as he was five years ago the light sharps think that he ought to be able to beat Lee. The latter, however, is a clever youngster, who can punch, too.

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